

Tiger Fast Facts:

- Tigers are biggest cats in world
- Scientific name is *Panthera tigris*
- Tigers' habitat is Asian rainforests
- Carnivorous diet
- Tigers are good swimmers
- Tigers can jump 5 meters (16.4ft)
- Tigers can run as fast as 65kph (40mph)
- A group of tigers is known as an "ambush" or "streak"
- Lions and tigers can crossbreed to create "ligers"
- 9 subspecies of tigers, 6 still alive

- Used to be 100,000 wild tigers in the 1900's
- <4,000 tigers in wild now
- 97% of tigers have vanished
- There are more tiger pets than there are in the wild
- Tiger parts are used in traditional Asian medicine (tiger bone wine)
- Deforestation has significantly reduced tigers' habitat sizes
- There are tiger farms where tigers are domesticated and killed for their fur and bones
- Tigers usually hunt alone at night

For us:

- *Panthera tigris tigris* (Bengal Tiger) – Endangered (EN)
- *Panthera tigris altaica* (Siberian tiger) – Endangered (EN)
- *Panthera tigris corbetti* (Indochinese tiger) – Endangered (EN)
- *Panthera tigris jacksoni* (Malayan tiger) – Critically Endangered (CR)
- *Panthera tigris amoyensis* (South China tiger) – Critically Endangered (CR)
- *Panthera tigris sumatrae* (Sumatran tiger) – Critically Endangered (CR)

BALI TIGER (*Panthera tigris balica*): It was a tiger that inhabited the island of Bali, Indonesia, probably extinct during the 1940s.

JAVAN TIGER (*Panthera tigris sondaica*): This subspecies lived on the isle of Java until poaching and other factors condemned them to extinction in the mid-1970s.

CASPIAN TIGER (*Panthera tigris virgata*): It used to wander all over Central Asia all the way to China, but it became extinct a few decades ago. It was a subspecies strongly associated with water bodies in its range of distribution.

Tigers can reach a length of up to 3.3 metres (11 feet) and weigh as much as 300 kilograms (660 pounds).

Reserves try to help, but disease and incest harm their abilities

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Tigers hunt deer, wild boar, water buffalo

Tigers live in SE Asia, Sumatra, India, areas near Outer Manchuria

Retaliatory killings: lions kill cattle, humans kill them back

